THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (e) Central Government and various State Governents had announced different welfare packages for families of Kargil Martyrs. Amongst other benefits, Rs. 5.00 lakhs has been given from the National Defence fund to each Armed Forces personnel killed and personnel invalidated out of service, for acquiring a dwelling unit or for making additions/alterations/renovations of the existing units.

DDA launched the "Vijayee Veer Awas Yojana" at Sector 18-A, Dwarka, New Delhi for allotment of flats to the widow-next of kin/ dependent of a soldier killed or those permanently disabled in "Operation Vijay". 237 applicants who had applied for allotment and whose applications were forwarded after scrutiny by the Adjutant General's Branch (C&W Dte.), Army Headquarters, New Delhi, have been allocated the flats. The construction of flats under the aforesaid Scheme is targeted to be completed by July, 2002. The physical possession of the flats would be handed over thereafter.

The families of Kargil Martyrs have been given all the financial benefits announced by the Government after completion of the necessary documentation.

Proposal for taking assistance from foreign countries to check earthquake resistant buildings

139. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPWD, MCD and NDMC do not have structural engineers who have the expertise to enforce the earthquake resistant norms for high rise buildings in the capital;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take assistance from foreign countries/engineers to check earthquake resistant buildings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) CPWD has structural engineers for designing of buildings. It has been following relevant earthquake resistant codal provisions while designing and constructing its buildings.

NDMC has informed that they do not have structural engineers with expertise to enforce earthquake resistance norms for high rise buildings. However, in case of high rise buildings in NDMC area, assistance of IIT is taken for surveying the buildings from earthquake angle and to furnish their expert advise and to suggest remedial measures.

MCD has stated that though no post is designated as Structural Engineer, their Civil Engineers have the expertise to enforce the earthquake resistance norms for high rise buildings in the MCD area.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal.

Funds under IDSMT programme to Arunachal Pradesh

140. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by Government to the State of Arunachal Pradesh for development of small and medium towns under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme during the last three years; and

(b) by details of amount spent, so far, on the development of small and medium towns in Arunachal Pradesh during this period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Funds allocated to the State of Arunachal Pradesh for development of small and medium Towns